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#### VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 7-29-03

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	5	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	V
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	4	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	V
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	3	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	M

#### BAKER RA:

Sheep Mtn Fire: 6 miles North of Brownley Dam. 14 Smoke Jumpers are on scene. 8s 48e section 6. Fire is on a 75% slope and 1 acre in size. Not contained at this time.

#### MALHEUR RA:

Cherry Creek Fire/Complex: M720 This fire originally consisted of 7 separate fires 3 miles East of Owyhee Dam. Two fires have burned into other fires, so now there are 5 separate fires. Cause is under investigation. 1 fire is 150 acres, 1 is 3 acres, and 3 are less than 1/2 an acre. There are 4 light and 3 heavy engines assigned, 2 water tenders, 1 grader, 1 helicopter, 3 employees, and 2 fire investigators. Fire is not contained at this time.

#### JORDAN RA:

#### COMMENTS:

9 SRV Crews available & 1 SRV camp crew available  
1 SRV Crew is on the EBC Preposition.  
1 SRV Crew are on the Balcony House fire in Colorado.  
1 SRV Crew is on the Willow Fire in Oregon.  
1 SRV Crew is on the Wilkins in Idaho  
Vale IHC are on the 18 Fire in Oregon.  
1 (BCMG) and 1 SRV Crew are on the Hot Creek incident in Idaho.  
4 employees on on the Clark Fire for  
the Blue Mountain Team.  
1 SRV Crew to the Cherry Creek Fire on the Vale District.

#### WEATHER:

Vale Weather: Mostly sunny.  
Temp 98-104, Rh's 10-16%, Winds E up to 10 mph, Haines 5 (moderate), LAL 1.

Pendleton Weather: Mostly Sunny  
Temps 97-102, Rh's 15-22%, Winds SE 3-6 mph, Haines 5 (moderate), LAL 1.

#### DEFINITIONS:

LAL (Lightning Activity Level): A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.

Haines Index: A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.